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Jurors have been elected who will sit in cases for the Western District of the Indian Territory at Muskogee. The term of court begins Oct. 3rd.

Senator Stewart is in the Territory looking up the condition of affairs, and will have many valuable suggestions to offer to his colleagues in Congress, touching the admission of the Indian and Oklahoma Territories as a state.

The Indian Agent will commence the payment of the loyal Creek claim on October 1st. This will turn a loose about \$600,000 in Muskogee and vicinity. There are a great many Negroes who are loyal Creeks and who will participate in this drawing.

The Pheonix man continues to use about two-thirds of his editorial space in roasting the postmaster. What the end will be no man knows, but as Clarence seems to get a great deal of satisfaction out of it and the postmaster does not seem to mind, there is no real harm done.

The election has been made in the state of Maine. The returns are in and the Republicans have carried the state by 33,000 majority. The old saying is, as goes Maine, goes the Union, and we are satisfied that it is true in the coming election.

Dr. M. L. Flinn, who was sentenced to the penitentiary in the spring of 1901 for five years, is making application for pardon. We believe the doctor has already suffered sufficiently for the crime for which he was charged, that of selling liquor. We know that it was a most severe sentence imposed at the time, and we don't now recall any man having received such a heavy sentence. We hope to soon see the doctor at home with his wife and little ones.

The Chickasaw Indians are showing the white people that in drawing the color line, "there are others." They positively refuse to attend school with the Whites. Such a thing is not to be wondered at as the pale face has about taken all the poor Indian had and is continuing the same process by crowding him out of the schools. Poor Lo will soon find himself up against the segregation issue. — Ex

THAT POSTOFFICE FIGHT.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Pheonix is taking the postmaster or somebody in the post office to task about delivering the mail. Sometime ago it was reported that the Pheonix man wanted the job himself. Later on it was reported that a relative of the Pheonix man wanted the place, and if there was any * * * truth in any of these reports, possibly that is the reason why the Pheonix is raising so much hades all at once about the failure of somebody to deliver a card or letter immediately after it arrived.

We never knew that there was so much money till the Pheonix let it out that the place pays twenty six thousand plunks per annum to the fellow who is lucky enough P. M. after his name.

The Postmaster has not enough help to do the work of this office as it should be done and this is well known by every business man in town. Everyone there is over worked.

We think Mr. Estes is doing the very best he can under the circumstances and the wonder is that he does as well as he does with the help that he has. At this time there is a colored man working as sub, who of course is not familiar with the route and he is doing as well as any man could do who is called suddenly to take the place of another. We hope that our neighbor has not taken the colorphobia and is making all this howl because a colored man is delivering the mail on the route that a white man formerly delivered the mail, and who is now taking his vacation. This is very often the case with some people but we trust it is not so in this instance. We have often received mail in our box that got in there through mistake and we are satisfied that others have done the same, but we don't think the postmaster ought to be blamed for all the mishappenings, when it is taken into consideration that he has less help than any other office of its size in the United States. We can say for the postmaster, that we believe that he is honestly and conscientiously doing his duty, and do so without taking any part in the post office fight at this stage of the game as to who shall not be postmaster. We believe that a man is entitled to credit for what he does as an officer and that any citizen can say so with out being being mixed with a disgraceful fight as to who shall be the successor

The roll for the loyal Creeks has been made. The Indian Agent has made the additional bond, and the payment will commence on Oct 1st, 1904.

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